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1. CHILE'S UN MISSION HAS ISSUED FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE
CONTAINING TEXT OF LETTER OF JULY 10 FROM CHILE'S (ACTING)
PERMREP TO UNSYG (REFTEL) ABOUT CANCELLATION OF VISIT BY
UNHCR WORKING GROUP TO CHILE:

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WITH REFERENCE TO THE DECISION ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF
CHILE TO TEMPORARILY WITHDRAW THE INVITATION EXTENDED TO THE
AD-HOC WORKING GROUP OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO VISIT
CHILE, THE PERMANENT MISSION OF CHILE WISHES TO INFORM THAT, ON
JULY 10, IT ADDRESSED THE FOLLOWING NOTE TO THE UNITED NATIONS
SECRETARY GENERAL, H.E. KURT WALDHEIM:

"I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT THE
"CHILEAN GOVERNMENT HAS CONVEYED TO MR. GHULAM ALI ALLANA,
"CHAIRMAN OF THE "AD-HOC WORKING GROUP TO INQUIRE INTO THE
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PRESENT "SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE", THE FOLLOWING

MESSAGE:

""THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE IS OF THE OPINION THAT: SINCE THE
"HAD-HOC WORKING GROUP OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WAS NOT
ABLE "TO VISIT CHILE, THE GROUP CANNOT CONTINUE FUNCTIONING
AND SHOULD "THEREFORE REFRAIN FROM EXERCISING THE
DUTIES ENTRUSTED TO IT BY "THE COMMISSION.

""THE VISIT TO CHILE BY THE AD-HOC WORKING GROUP WAS AN
"INDISPENSABLE COMPONENT OF THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE
HUMAN "RIGHTS COMMISSION. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT, AS
EXPLAINED IN "THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE'S OFFICIAL STATEMENT
ON THE MATTER, "CONDITIONS FOR SUCH VISIT ARE NOT, FOR THE
TIME BEING, PROPITIOUS, "ANY ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY
THE GROUP ABROAD, TO WIT, THE "RECEPTION OF TESTIMONY
FROM EXILES AND OTHER PERSONS UNFRIENDLY "DISPOSED VIS-
A-VIS CHILE, WHICH PERSONS ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO "PROVIDE
ANY TESTIMONY ON THE PRESENT-DAY SITUATION IN CHILE, "WOULD,
ON THE ONE HAND, GRAVELY DISTORT BOTH THE LETTER AND
"SPIRIT OF THE AFOREMENTIONED RESOLUTION, AND ON THE OTHER,
TEND "TO PRODUCE A REPORT LACKING THE MOST ELEMENTARY
OBJECTIVITY".

"I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE TO YOUR
"EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST AND MOST DIS-
TINGUISHED "CONSIDERATION". (SIGNED) CLAUDIO COLLADOS,
AMBASSADOR, DEPUTY "PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE. END TEXT
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